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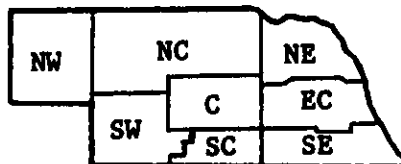
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WEATHER

Rainfall this past week was non-existent as temperatures continued well above normal until the end of the week when overnight freeze occurred over most of the State.

GENERAL

Harvesting of fall crops moved along rapidly last week, as progress continued to run about two weeks ahead of normal. The extended period of dry weather has allowed rapid field drying of crops and favorable harvesting conditions. However, lack of moisture has resulted in some spotty stands of wheat in the eastern half of the State. Sugar beet harvest slowed during the week as the unseasonably warm temperatures limited operating hours for receiving stations. Days suitable for fieldwork were 7.0.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 99% short and 1% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 92% short and 8% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture was 98% short and 2% adequate. Subsoil supplies rated 76% short and 24% adequate.

Supplies of gasoline, LP gas and diesel fuel rated 90% adequate and 10% surplus.

CROPS

Nebraska's corn harvest passed the halfway mark during the week and was 55% complete. This is almost three weeks ahead of last year's 15% and two weeks ahead of the 25% normal. Windy conditions later in the week caused some additional loss in insect and disease damaged fields.

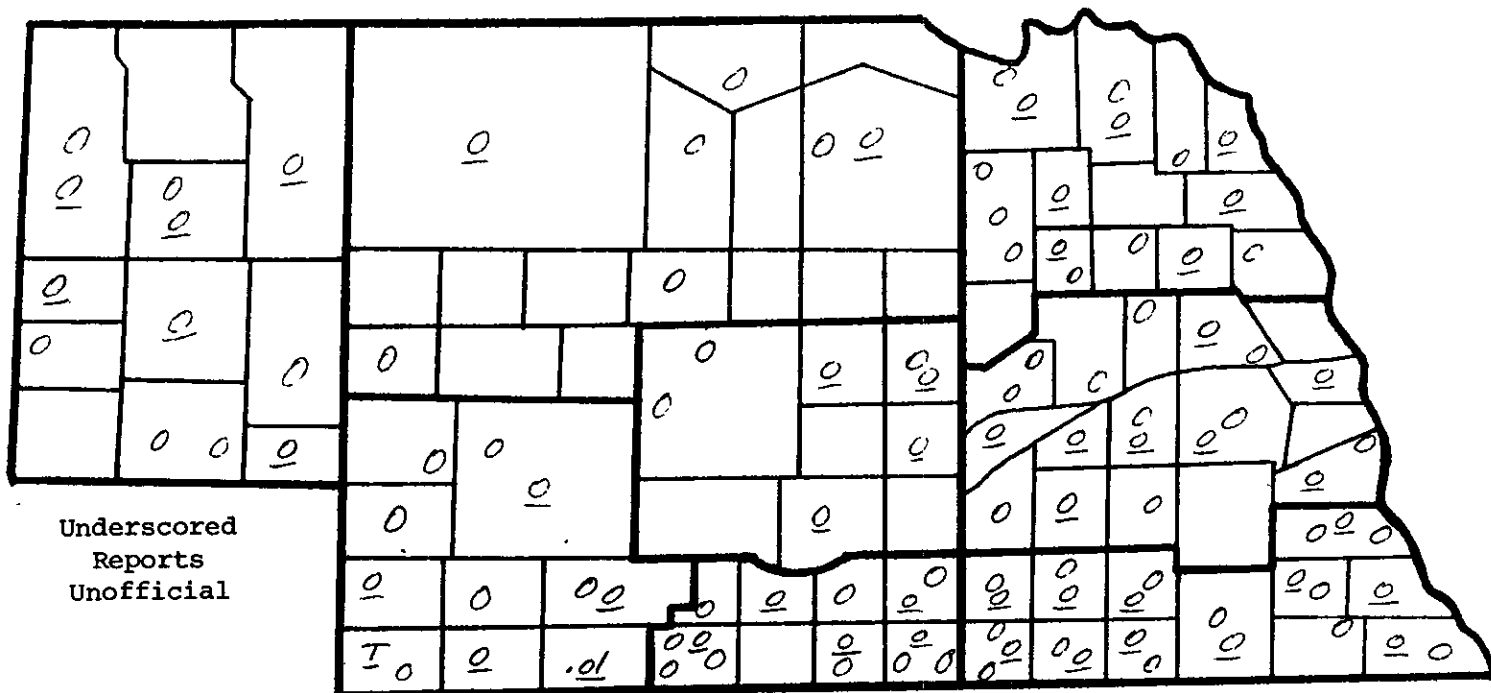
Soybean harvest moved to 75% complete, behind last year's 80% but still well ahead of the 50% normal. Seventy percent of the sorghum had been harvested by week's end, compared to 25% last year and almost two full weeks ahead of 45% normal.

Ninety percent of the wheat acreage has emerged with the crop rated in mostly fair condition. Spotty stands have been reported on later plantings in the north central, east central and southeast reporting districts of Nebraska.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies were rated mostly short for the third straight week. Most pastures are very dry and short. The dry, dusty conditions have been troublesome to livestock. Livestock are being moved into recently harvested corn and sorghum fields for crop residues.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1980



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 12:00 A.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1980

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 12:00 A.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1966						
Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	89	23	58	--	0
	Scottsbluff	87	27	60	+7	0
	Sidney	86	21	57	--	0
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	91	27	59	+6	0
NE	Norfolk	91	32	59	+3	0
	Sioux City	89	28	58	+2	0
CEN	Grand Island	91	35	61	+4	0
EC	Lincoln	89	28	59	+1	0
	Omaha	85	35	61	+3	0
SW	Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
	North Platte	89	25	57	+3	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above

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